

Their most recent contribution totaled \$1.3 million toward the Wiekamp Athletic Facility at Bethel College.

Throughout his life, Wiekamp received many distinguished awards to recognize his accomplishments. These included the Individual Philanthropist Award from the Michiana Chapter of Associations of Fundraising and the Herman B. Wells Visionary Award from Indiana University and the Indiana University Foundation, both of which honor people for their professional accomplishments and service to humanity. He and his wife also received Indiana University South Bend's Chancellor's Medal in 2005. Wiekamp served on the boards of the Century Center Foundation, Center for the Homeless, Project Future, the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, the Mishawaka Division of the Salvation Army, St. Mary's College, and the IUSB advisory. He also served as president of the South Bend-Mishawaka Area Chamber of Commerce.

So, today I rise to pay tribute to Dar Wiekamp for his innumerable contributions to our community's development. His and Dorothy's generosity is admirable and they will serve as models of lives well-lived.

CONGRATULATING JEFF FUNICELLO FOR HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE WORLD WRESTLING GAMES

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jeff Funicello for his performance in the World Wrestling Games in Tirana, Albania. While representing his country and the State of Arizona, Jeff was able to secure a bronze medal in both grappling and beach wrestling in the 92KG division. The World Wrestling Games are highly revered throughout the competitive wrestling world and Jeff's victories signify an outstanding achievement.

I would also like to commend Jeff on the service he offers to the community by teaching mixed martial arts classes which promote discipline and self confidence, but more importantly teach students proper self defense techniques. Jeff founded American Pankration in 1990, a mixed martial arts team which trains and competes at Arizona State University. Jeff shows great dedication to his students and is committed to offering them the highest level of attention and instruction on and off the mats.

Jeff is a former Arizona State University Sun Devil and was on the varsity wrestling team from 1992 through 1994. Jeff's credentials also include being a three time Olympic alternate as well as having competed throughout the world with great success in a number of different disciplines of wrestling, submissions, and kickboxing. Jeff's skills as a training partner and coach have often been tapped to train with a who's who list of Olympic, Ultimate Fighting Championship, and Pride FC Championship champions.

Mr. Funicello should be proud of his accomplishments. Again, I say congratulations on your achievements in the World Wrestling Games and commend you for a job well done.

HONORING JUSTIN ALAN GROTE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Justin Alan Grote of Kansas City, Missouri. Justin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Justin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Justin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Justin Alan Grote for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the 2009 Defense Appropriation Bill:

7. Project Name—Advanced Fluid Controls for Shipboard Applications.

Requesting Member—SCOTT GARRETT.

Bill Number—Amendment to H.R. 2638 (FY09 Defense Appropriations Bill).

Account—Department of Defense Appropriations, RDT&E, Navy, Line #35, Shipboard System Component Development Account, PE#0603513N.

Requesting Entity—Marotta Controls, 78 Boonton Ave, PO Box 427, Montville, NJ 07045.

Description of the Project—Funds will be used to complete the development of shipboard fluid controls using the latest in material technologies—including composites and ceramics—to reduce weight, life-cycle costs, and increase fuel efficiency.

Description of the Spending Plan—(\$2,500,000).

Program Management: \$50,000.

Engineering Labor Mechanical: \$100,000.

Electrical: \$100,000.

Assembly Labor: \$425,000.

Machine Shop Labor: \$550,000.

Material: \$700,000.

Testing: \$575,000.

Total: \$2,500,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican transparency

standards, the following is a disclosure for each of my requested projects in H.R. 2638, the FY 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act Homeland Security.

Requesting Member: Rep: JAMES T. WALSH.
Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Homeland Security NPPD Infrastructure Protection and Information Security.

Legal Name of Representing Entity: Manhole Barrier Security Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 204, Garden City, NY 11530.

Description of Request: (1) Include \$3 million for critical underground infrastructure in major urban areas. This funding would be utilized to complete an inventory of critical underground infrastructure in urban areas; identify the access points to the identified critical underground infrastructure; and, demonstrate low-cost, self-contained technologies that can deter unauthorized access while allowing authorized access to critical underground infrastructure.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. GLORIA COOPER

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Gloria Cooper of Niles, Michigan for over two decades of broadcasting excellence.

For nearly a quarter century, we in southwest Michigan welcomed Gloria into our homes as the hostess of the popular "Here's Gloria" and "Gloria's Place" radio programs on WNIL-AM 1290. Since she first hit the airwaves in 1966, Gloria's in-depth interviews and community focus through the years earned her the reputation as the "Voice of Niles."

In 2006, Gloria took her show to the Web where she has continued to educate and entertain her faithful listeners. On November 24, Gloria will record her final interview, marking the end of an era. We will all miss Gloria's voice over the airwaves and Internet. She is a treasure of our community, and I will miss being "grilled" by my friend on the pressing issues of the day.

Once again, I would like to congratulate and express my gratitude to Gloria Cooper for her many years of distinguished service to the residents of Berrien County. I wish Gloria and her husband Richard all the best. May God continue to bless the entire Cooper family. Gloria's gift of communication has enriched us all.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NIELSEN BUILDERS

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, it was 100 years ago in 1908 that Joseph Nielsen and his successors began their work complementing Virginia's majestic landscape with quality buildings in which to worship, learn, complete commerce and live.